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SUBJECT: TURKISH EXTRADITION REQUEST FOR MNF-I DETAINEES

Classified By: Classified by Political-Military Counselor
Ronald E. Neumann for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[11.](#) (S) Summary: Post has been informed that the Government of Turkey wishes to extradite two security internees held by MNF-I inside Iraq, based on GOT suspicion of their involvement in terrorist bombings in Istanbul. MNF-I is willing to transfer these detainees to Iraqi custody to permit an Iraqi extradition to Turkey; the ITG's views are unknown. The steps described in paras 5-6 seem, in Post's view, to be the most efficient route to extradition should the ITG be willing to accede to the Turkish request. End Summary.

[12.](#) (S) Post and MNF-I have been informed that the GOT is seeking the extradition to Turkey of two detainees held by MNF-I inside Iraq, both suspected of criminal involvement in bombing attacks in Istanbul:

BURHAN KUS (ISN 166308), aka Burhan Jilal Hussein, DOB January 1, 1972, Turkish national;

SADETTIN ADKAS (ISN 16670), aka Mustafa abd Hamad, DOB July 1, 1989, Turkish national.

[13.](#) (SBU) As a practical matter, both MNF-I and Iraqi concurrence is required for an extradition. MNF-I has no objection to transferring custody of these detainees to the ITG should the ITG wish to accede to a Turkish extradition request.

[14.](#) (SBU) We understand, however, that the GOT has had difficulty locating a point-of-contact inside the ITG through which to request extradition, despite the agreement of both governments that an existing Iraqi-Turkish treaty regarding the Iraqi extradition of Turkish nationals remains in force.

[15.](#) (SBU) Post recommends that the GOT present a formal extradition request to the Iraqi MFA, noting in the attached diplomatic note that a courtesy copy of the extradition request has been passed to the Chief Justice of Iraq. We then suggest that the GOT provide a copy of the extradition request to Post, which Post will pass directly to the Chief Justice.

[16.](#) (SBU) Should Turkey's extradition request be approved by an Iraqi judge, Post will notify MNF-I, which will request permission from CENTCOM to transfer legal custody of these detainees to the ITG. MNF-I will retain physical custody of any detainees approved for extradition until arrangements have been made for their transport to Turkey.

[17.](#) (SBU) The steps described in paras 5-6 may be passed by Embassy Ankara to the GOT if appropriate as a procedural recommendation for seeking extradition. Satterfield